Sexting & Nude Photographs

Digital Dilemma

Devon opened his cell phone and saw a picture of a girl without a shirt on. He couldn't see her face, but saw the text message sent with the picture: "Fwd if you think Rachil is a slut!" Rachil was in Devon's Spanish class and he immediately cringed, imagining how ugly this was going be for Rachil at school tomorrow. Rachil had sent the picture to her ex-boyfriend Jose because he promised they would get back together if she proved she trusted him. She sent it to him and they got back together, but a few days later they had another fight and broke up. Jose forwarded the picture to his friends. Then the picture spread like wildfire.

Discussion Questions

Communication

Do you think that Jose is manipulating Rachil in this situation? Why or why not? Instead of sending a nude picture, what do you think would be a more appropriate way for Rachil to "prove" that she trusts Jose?

TEACHING TIP: Encourage students to explore alternative ways of gaining one's trust through effective communication skills.

Empathy

How does this dilemma speak to the issue of objectifying women and girls? Why do you think Rachil is being called a slut when Jose was the one who asked for (and distributed) her nude picture?

Integrity

Can sexting ever be a part of a healthy relationship, or are its potential consequences too risky?

Compassion

Do you think it's Devon's place to speak up, even though he isn't directly involved in Rachil and Jose's relationship? If you were Devon, how would you respond to this picture?

TEACHING TIP: Talk to students about the difference between understanding what someone is going through (empathy) and having a desire to actually help them (compassion).

Extension Resources

Suggested Digital Citizenship Lessons

Digital Tools

We inspire integrity in our classrooms because we want our future leaders to make honest, brave decisions that push us ever forward.